

Agenda Item C-4 Grenadiers

(1) Revise the Purpose and Need Statement to read as follows:

Grenadiers are not included in the BSAI or GOA groundfish FMPs. There are no limits on their catch or retention, **and** no reporting requirements. ~~and no official record of their catch.~~ However, grenadiers are taken in relatively large amounts as bycatch, especially in longline fisheries; no other Alaskan groundfish has **similar levels of such high catches** that is not included in the FMPs. ~~Considerable information on giant grenadier exists that can be used for stock assessment (under Tier 5).~~ Inclusion in the groundfish FMPs would provide for their precautionary management by, at a minimum, recording their harvest and/or placing limits on their harvest.

(2) Address the comments raised by the SSC, and review and incorporate analysis presented in public comment that characterizes the likelihood that vessels are targeting on grenadiers, and potential future impacts on grenadier stock.

(3) Select Alternative 2 as the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (Ecosystem Component) in the BSAI and GOA for all grenadier species with the following components:

- **Prohibit directed fishing for grenadiers**
- **Establish a maximum retainable amount in a range from 2 to 20 percent**
- **Require record keeping and reporting**
- **Define grenadier species codes**
- **Establish a separate management category for grenadiers in the FMP (i.e., do not include grenadiers in the forage fish category)**
- **Include PRRs as noted in Table 2.1**

(4) Once revisions are made, release the document for public review.